1	2
North East	
Arunachal Pradesh	24.3
Assam	36.0
Manipur	27.5
Meghalaya	37.9
Mizoram	27.7
Nagaland	24.1
Sikkim	20.6
West	
Goa	28.6
Gujarat	45.1
Maharashtra	49.6
South	
Andhra Pradesh	37.7
Karnataka	43.9
Kerala	26.9
Tamil Nadu	36.7

Source: National Family Health Survey-II (1998-99)

Child marriages

706. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints/cases registered for flouting the Child Marriage Restraint Act during last five years and 2006, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the final disposal of above complaints/cases;

(c) how many have ended in punishment and how many persons have been convicted, year-wise and State-wise;

(d) the areas which have worst child marriages scenario;

(e) whether the prevalence of child marriage has any co-relation with the percentage of literacy and the index of poverty;

(f) whether the evil practice of child marriage has not been effectively curbed; and

(g) the steps taken to check this evil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (d) As per information received from National Crime Records Bureau, the State/UT-wise number of cases registered, charge-sheeted, trial completed convicted and persons convicted during 2001 to 2005 are enclosed as Statement-I. (*See* below) The cases charge sheeted, trial completed cases convicted and persons convicted includes information of those cases pending investigation from previous years. On the basis of Monthly Crime Statistics, the figures of cases registered under the Act during 2006 (upto available months) are enclosed as Statement-II (*See* below).

The enclosed annexures show that the problem of child marriages is more rampant in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan.

(e) Studies indicate that low levels of literacy and poverty are some of the reasons for child marriage.

(f) and (g) In order to prohibit the practice of Child Marriage, appropriate amendments have been proposed in the Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929 and the Bill is under process for submission to Cabinet. Also, awareness generation and sensitization programmes are being undertaken for this purpose.

Statement-I

Cases Regd. (C.R), Charged-sheeted (C.S), Trial Completed (T.C.), Convicted (Con.) and person convected (P.C.) under child marraige restraint act during 2001 to 2005

States/UTs	2001					2002					2003					2004					2005				
	C.R.	C.S	T.C.	CON.	P.C.	C.R.	C.S.	T.C.	CON.	P.C.	C.R.	C.S.	T.C.	CON.	P.C.	C.R.	C.S.	T.C.	CON.	P.C.	C.R.	C.S.	T.C.	CON.	P.C.
Andhra Pradesh	6	4	2	0	0	6	3	0	0	0	4	6	9	0	4	4	1	3	0	2	9	3	3	0	2
Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assam	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bihar	2	2	2	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	4	1	0	0	0
Chhattisgarh	0	0	0	0	0	26	26	26	26	163	6	6	6	6	6	14	14	10	10	30	3	3	5	5	11
Goa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gujarat	11	11	21	7	38	38	32	10	7	21	11	15	16	10	39	30	29	13	9	41	25	25	10	7	27
Haryana	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	7	6	2	0	0
Himachal Pradesh	0	0	4	0	0	3	1	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	3	3	0	0	3	1	1	0	0
Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jharkhand	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Karnataka	3	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Kerala	3	0	3	0	0	6	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	3	0	3	0	0
Madhya Pradesh	4	3	2	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	3	2	1	1	0	2	3	2	0	0	18	16	6	5	12
Maharashtra	43	46	1	0	0	18	21	4	1	1	16	12	4	1	2	14	15	10	2	8	22	17	19	3	8
Manipur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meghalaya	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mizoram	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orissa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Punjab	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	2	1	1	3	11	6	2	0	0

States/UTs	2001					2002					2003					2004					2005				
	C.R.	C.S	T.C.	CON.	P.C.	C.R.	C.S.	T.C.	CON.	P.C.	C.R.	C.S.	T.C.	CON.	P.C.	C.R.	C.S.	T.C.	CON.	P.C.	C.R.	C.S.	T.C.	CON.	P.C.
Rajasthan	10	4	2	1	1	7	2	2	0	21	6	3	3	1	9	2	3	4	1	8	3	2	5	2	7
Sikkim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tamil Nadu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	1	1	5	6	1	0	0	4	2	7	1	1
Tripura	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Uttar Pradesh	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	3	4	4	2	1	18
Uttaranchal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Bengal	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
Total (States)	**83**	**74**	**38**	**8**	**39**	**113**	**97**	**49**	**34**	**206**	**62**	**56**	**46**	**20**	**61**	**93**	**82**	**52**	**24**	**96**	**122**	**88**	**66**	**24**	**86**
A & N Islands	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chandigarh	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D & N Haveli	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Delhi (UT)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pondicherry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total (UTs)	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total (All India):	**85**	**76**	**38**	**8**	**39**	**113**	**98**	**49**	**34**	**206**	**63**	**56**	**46**	**20**	**61**	**93**	**82**	**53**	**24**	**96**	**122**	**88**	**66**	**24**	**86**

Source: Crime in India

Note: Figures of 2005 are Provisional.

Statement-II

Cases Registered under Child Marriage Restraint Act during 2006 (Upto Available Month)

Sl No.	State/UT	Incidence	Figs. are upto the Month of
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3	May
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	May
3.	Assam	0	Mar.
4.	Bihar	0	Mar.
5.	Chhattisgarh	2	May
6.	Goa	0	May
7.	Gujarat	2	May
8.	Haryana	0	May
9.	Himachal Pradesh	0	May
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	0	May
11.	Jharkhand	0	Mar.
12.	Karnataka	3	Apr.
13.	Kerala	0	May
14.	Madhya Pradesh	4	May
15.	Maharashtra	9	May
16.	Manipur	0	May
17.	Meghalaya	1	Apr.
18.	Mizoram	0	May
19.	Nagaland	0	Mar.
20.	Orissa	0	Jan.
21.	Punjab	0	May
22.	Rajasthan	0	May

1	2	3	4
23.	Sikkim	0	May
24.	Tamil Nadu	0	May
25.	Tripura	0	May
26.	Uttar Pradesh	0	May
27.	Uttaranchal	0	May
28.	West Bengal	0	Mar.
	Total (States)	**24**	
29.	A & N Islands	0	Jun.
30.	Chandigarh	0	May
31.	D & N Haveli	0	Mar.
32.	Daman & Diu	0	Jun.
33.	Delhi	0	Apr.
34.	Lakshadweep	0	Jun.
35.	Pondicherry	0	May
	TOTAL (UTs)	**0**	
	TOTAL (ALL INDIA)	**24**	

Source: Monthly Crime Statistics.
Note: Figures are Provisional.

Brides abandoned by NRIs

707. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Women, looking into an estimated 30,000 instances of NRI groms abandoning their Indian brids, has recommended for a law to protect the helpless women thus left deserted;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations of the Commission; and